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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, how many hospitals are there without the ambulance vans, and why have the Government not supplied vans when the hospitals have requested for their supply?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENKATACHALLUM : Sri, only in respect of six district headquarters hospitals the supply has been made and there is a proposal before the Government to provide vans for the others.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, may I know why there is delay in sanctioning vans to the respective hospitals ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM . There is no delay, Sir. It is difficul to get vans due to financial exigencies.

L.M.Ps.

* 256 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have provincialised all L.M.Ps. who were working under the District Boards; and

(*b*) if not, why not ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) & (*b*) It is presumed that the Member is referring to the absorption in Government service of L.M.Ps. who were working in District Board Medical Institutions. The District Board hospitals together with the L.M.Ps., if any, working in them were taken over by the Government while District Board dispensaries with the L.M.Ps, if any, working in them were taken over by the Panchayat Union Councils.

Eviction from an allotted building

* 257 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received about the action taken by the Collector of Salem for forcible eviction of a Government Department from an allotted building; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Honorary Medical Officer

* 258 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 194 on 1st August 1962——

(*a*) whether the Government made any rule in 1954 that a Member of the Legislature must not be appointed as an Honorary Medical Officer;

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(b) whether the rule has been enforced in any case; and

(c) whether the rule is still in force or it has been cancelled ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) : Do not arise.

Conference of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Panchayat Unions

* 259 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to hold a Conference of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Panchayat Unions; and

(b) if so, the reasons for holding this conference annually ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Madras as ' A ' Class City

* 260 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the steps, if any, taken by the Government to get Madras City classified as ' A ' Class City?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : No, Sir. It will not be appropriate for the State Government to offer any suggestions to Central Government in regard to the allowances to be paid to their employees. The classification of Madras as ' A ' Class City is significant only in respect of allowances to be drawn by the Central Government employees.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Do not the Government consider that Madras City should be classfied as ' A ' Class City?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, it is one thing for the Government to have certain views and it is another thing to make representations on matters which are exclusively within the jurisdiction of the Central Government. The question was ' Whether we have made representations ' and I said, ' We did not '.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : When the Government think that there is justification to ask Madras City to be classified as ' A ' class City, why should they be reluctant to put it before the Central Government ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, the hon. Member is arguing.